

Grace Episcopal Church

Read the Bible in a Year - GraceFullBible - New Testament

Reflection Class: **Sunday, January 4, 2015**; 9:10 am - 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall

Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Day 1 & 2

Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord, creator of the universe for you have given us life and light, the Word made flesh and words in the bible to live by, guide and direct us in all we do. Bless us for action as we read and meditate on your words. Amen

Purpose of the Session: The purpose of this venture is to give disciples the basic knowledge of Scripture, create a discipline of daily prayer and reading, and with the leading of the Holy Spirit move out into the congregation, parish, and world in Worship, Welcome, Study, and Service as God's own disciple in Christ.

Overview: Read the New Testament during weekdays; Study reflection on Saturday; and Prayers & Readings from RCL on Sundays

This Week's Readings :

January 1 - Matthew 1 | genealogy of Jesus the Messiah – note it runs from Abraham to David through the Exile to Joseph who was the husband of Mary the mother of Jesus; birth of Jesus narrative where Mary is pregnant, Joseph going to divorce her quietly, angel shows up in Joseph's dream, he married Mary, no marital relations until after Jesus was born; his name is Jesus.

January 2 – Matthew 2 | Wise men of the east see a star for the new King of Israel; Herod the current king panics; The Wise men see the baby Jesus and honor him with gifts; God warns them in a dream not to return to Herod; Herod begins genocide of babies in Bethlehem; Angel warns Joseph and Joseph goes with family to Egypt; Herod dies; the family comes back and settles in Nazareth.

Prayer

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Thoughts from others:

Note handout on Matthew

Check out Mark Allen Powell at <http://www.IntroducingNT.com>

Check out daily reflections and sources for these texts at <http://gracefullbible.com/>